

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9, 11 and 12.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.


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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date July 21, 1999.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 3/26/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

  
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Sharkey on April 28, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9 has been replaced with the following:

9. A method of eliciting or enhancing a T cell response to a human self tumor antigen, consisting of immunizing a human being with a composition consisting of:  
a protein or a portion thereof with an amino acid sequence native to a non-human source, wherein the non-human protein or portion thereof has at least 80% amino acid sequence homology to the human self tumor antigen but is not identical in amino acid sequence to the human antigen, and wherein the human self tumor antigen is human prostatic acid phosphatase (PAP), and  
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

Claim 11 has been replaced with the following:

11. A method of eliciting or enhancing a T cell response to a human self tumor antigen, consisting of immunizing a human being with a composition consisting of:  
a protein or a portion thereof with an amino acid sequence native to a non-human source, wherein the non-human protein or portion thereof has at least 80% amino acid sequence homology to the human self tumor antigen but is not identical in amino acid sequence to the human antigen, and wherein the human self tumor antigen is human prostatic acid phosphatase (PAP),  
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent, and  
an adjuvant.

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Claim 12 has been replaced with the following:

12. A method of eliciting or enhancing a T cell response to a human self tumor antigen, consisting of immunizing a human being with a composition consisting of:

a protein or a portion thereof with an amino acid sequence native to a non-human source, wherein the non-human protein or portion thereof has at least 80% amino acid sequence homology to the human self tumor antigen but is not identical in amino acid sequence to the human antigen, and wherein the human self tumor antigen is human prostatic acid phosphatase (PAP), and  
an adjuvant.

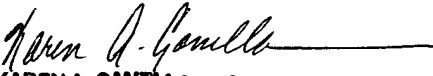
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen A. Canella whose telephone number is (571)272-0828. The examiner can normally be reached on 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Siew can be reached on (571)272-0787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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